the State who lost their lives during the course of performing their duty;

(b) if so, what is the number of BSF personnel from the State of Madhya Pradesh who were killed on duty during the last three years;

(c) what is the compensation and rehabilitation programme prepared by the State Government in this regard;

(d) whether one member of the family of each of the deceased persons has been provided a job in any other service; and

(e) how many families have so far been provided assistance under this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Visit of Punjab police to other states

1235. SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that teams of Punjab Police visit other States in connection with investigation and apprehending the criminals who are wanted by Punjab Police in connection with the crimes committed in that State; and

(b) whether such a team visited West Bengal recently, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Required details are being ascertained from the Government of Punjab and would be laid on the Table of the House.

News item regarding foreigners in Assam

1236. SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Assam sitting on power-keo" and "No foreigners in Assam, says Saikia" published in 'The Hindustan Times' (Delhi Edition) of 19th June, 1994 and 2nd July, 1994 respectively;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is Government's reaction to the said two news-items; and

(d) whether Government propose to initiate any remedial action in this regard; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Assam has informed that its attention had been drawn to the news items published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 19.6.94 and 2.7.1994. The news item was clarified by the State Government through a Press Release. It was clarified that checking infiltration from across the border was the responsibility of the Border Security Force. The State Government was extended cooperation in building border fencing and border roads. The Press Release also denied that the foreigners were made voters as the electoral rolls revision was being done as per Election Commission guidelines. In respect of the news item of 2.7.1994, it has been clarified by the State Government that while answering question in a Press Release the Chief Minister had expressed the feeling that the census figure which indicated a lower population growth rate in Assam than in the country as a whole did not show any unusual population growth in the State. The Chief Minister suggested that going by the census figure it could not be concluded that Assam was full of foreigners.